



PASS THE SALT AND TURN ON THE LIGHTS, PLEASE

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Matthew 5:13-16
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Let’s remember that we go into the darkness of this world from a position of VICTORY!

*...the righteous are as bold as a lion. (confidence / courage)
- Proverbs 28:1 (NIV)*

Thanks be to God who has given us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:57 (Lamsa Bible)

(He)...has blessed (you)...in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. - Ephesians 1:3b (ESV)

*...God’s power is very great for us who believe. That power is the same as the great strength God used to raise Christ from the dead.
- Ephesians 1:19-20 (NCV)*

*I can do all things through him (Jesus Christ) who strengthens me.
- Philippians 4:13 (ESV)*

(Paul) ...be filled with the Spirit... - Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

The Holy Spirit who gives and provides the strength

*...how much more will your heavenly Father give good things (the Holy Spirit) to those who ask...
- Matthew 7:11 (CEB)*

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You are the salt of the earth

1. As the salt of the world, be distinctive

Do not be conformed to this world... - Romans 12:2 (ESV)

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)*

2. As the salt of the world, be an influencer for good

3. As the salt of the world, let your speech be filled with grace

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. - Colossians 4:6 (ESV)

4. As the salt of the world, live with moral clarity

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. - John 17:17 (ESV)

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- Psalm 119:105 (ESV)*

You are not only the salt of the earth, you are also the light of the world

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God’s light is more about the consistent way you live your life in the ordinary moments

Living as a Christian, whose life shines among men, is really about letting the character of Christ become visible in the unglamorous moments

So, what does Jesus’ light in us look like?

*The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
- John 1:5 (ESV)*

You want to turn your light on quickly in dark times?

I will bless the Lord AT ALL TIMES; His praise shall continually be in my mouth (on my lips). - Psalm 34:1 (ESV)